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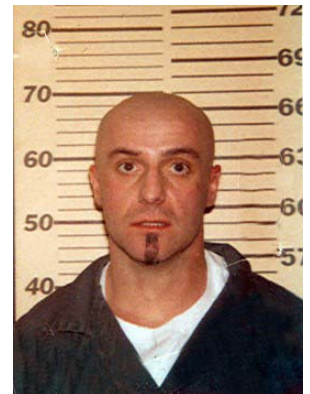
News Release

ICE DEPORTS BRITISH MAN CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTED MURDER

CHICAGO—An British national who tried to murder a man by shooting him in the stomach was deported late yesterday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Edward Kruger, 35, was turned over to ICE agents last January after serving his prison sentence. He remained in federal custody until yesterday when he was deported to London under the escort of two government officials.

On Jan. 14, 1995, Kruger tried to kill Richard Robinson by shooting him in the abdomen. He was convicted in 1997 in Cook County of: Attempted First Degree Murder, Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, and Aggravated Battery. He was sentenced to fourteen years in prison.



“Kruger attempted to kill another human being—a criminal act that gives him no legal right to remain in the United States,” said Field Office Director Deborah Achim of the Chicago ICE office. “We help make our communities and our country more secure with every criminal alien we deport.” Achim oversees ICE’s Detention and Removal Operations program for a six-state area.

Kruger entered the United States as a permanent resident, or “green card” holder, in 1983. He lost his immigrant status as a result of his criminal convictions and was rendered deportable under U.S. immigration law.

ICE formally removed more than 160,000 aliens nationally in fiscal year 2004. More than half of those were criminal aliens. The ICE Chicago office removed more than 6,100 aliens last year, a 28-percent increase over the previous year.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.